



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Chainsaw Training (Laytonville Fire Station)		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 15 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian 46101 North Highway 101 Laytonville, CA 95454	<b>COUNTY</b>	Mendocino
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is a chainsaw safety training course (S-212) provided to CAL FIRE staff. In total, approximately 50 planted, landscape trees are proposed for felling, including conifers and one valley oak. All trees are located at various locations on the Laytonville Fire Station property. The largest of the conifers proposed for felling is approximately 24 inches diameter. Organic debris created from the tree felling will be chipped and distributed on site. No heavy equipment will be used during this training exercise. The trees are located within a highly disturbed context associated with rural fire station buildings, landscaping, paved parking and other associated infrastructure. Associated plant species in the landscape are vetch, lupine, poison oak, and incidental Douglas-fir.

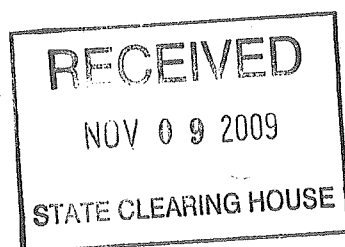
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The Class 4 Categorical Exemption §15304 is appropriate as the proposed project will result in minor alterations to the land and will not have a significant effect on the environment. The extent of the tree cutting will result in only minor vegetation and soil disturbance. The California Natural Diversity Database maintained by the California Department of Fish and Game was consulted as part of the biological resource scoping. No rare, threatened, or endangered animal or plant species will be impacted by this project. The CAL FIRE archaeologist determined that this project is EXEMPT from further archaeological review (including records check, archaeological survey and Native American Notification) under EXEMPT PRACTICES #41 described in "Archaeological Review Procedures for CDF Projects" (Foster 2006).

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director

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